

RE: petition 04-160

As a former broadcast engineer, I sympathize with the plight of local broadcasters who are being adversely effected by the move of high value consumers to Satellite Radio. I understand local broadcasters desire to bar satellite radio companies from offering local content as it is the only facet of the radio medium where they still maintain any edge. However, as a consumer I like a competitive marketplace and choices XM and Sirius Satellite Radio help create -- including the local news and weather choices.

I urge you to REJECT NAB's petition 04-160.